

I am opposed to any change in policy or regulation that would expand the possibility for cross-ownership - for an individual or company (or other entity) to own or otherwise control broadcast and other (e.g., print) media. This country is already beset by shrinking access to the expression of diverse points of view in the commercial media, whether broadcast or in print. Cross-ownership may be of some economic benefit to some individuals or companies. It is at cross-purposes with the need for the citizens of this country to have ready access to differing points of view with respect to news and opinion.

It is incumbent upon the FCC to make whatever proposals are under consideration available for public scrutiny before policies are issued. Failure to do so renders the process, however well-intentioned, suspect, fostering at least the appearance that the proposals would not stand up to public review. As the Chairman himself said, "...it is more important that it be right than that it be done [by a particular date]."

The Commission has the obligation to serve the American public, not the American corporation.

I urge that you meet this obligation.